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SUBJ: SMALLPOX STATISTICS

DEPT. PLEAS PASS TO DEPT HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE

FOR: LANE/GRIGGS CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL ATLANTA GEORGEIA

1. HAVE RETURNED FROM 3-1/2 WEEKS IN BIHAR. SMALLPOX MAY HAVE PEAKED AT 11,707 CASES FOR STATE DURING WEEK 19. LATEST REPORTS ARE 9470 WEEK 20, 4703 WEEK 21, 3384 WEEK 22. SEVENTH SEARCH COMPLETED AND RESULTS WILL BE REFLECTED IN WEEK 23 AND 24. EARLY RESULTS LEAD TO GUESS THAT ONE HALF OF BIHAR DISTRICTS WILL SHOW REDUCTION IN NEW OUTBREAKS.

2. UNPRECEDENTED NEWS COVERAGE AGAIN INCREASING GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INTEREST IN A 1974 SOLUTION. THEY ARE AGREEABLE TO DEPLOYMENT OF CONTAINMENT TEAMS TO BIHAR FROM OTHER STATES AS WELL AS AN INCREASE IN EPIDEMIOLOGISTS.

3. FOR FIRST TIME HEALTH MINISTRY WILLING TO ACCEPT OPERATIONS OFFICERS ON A TRIAL BASIS. THEY WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO SIX AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. ONLY STIPULATION MUST HAVE PRIOR SMALLPOX EXPERIENCE. GRASSET HAS GONE TO GENEVA WITH PROPOSAL. WOULD CDC BE INTERESTED AND ABLE TO PROVIDE UNDER USUAL WHO UMBRELLA AND IF SO WHAT ARE EARLIEST DATES POSSIBLE?

4. REGARDING ALL COHORT CURRENT GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE INDICATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARTIFICIAL LIMITS WILL CEASE TO BE A PROBLEM. HENDERSON WILL

JUDGE CDC NUMBERS BASED ON GLOBAL RECRUITMENT BUT FROM OUR
PERSPECTIVE TOTAL PERSONNEL REQUESTS WILL BE SO HIGH THAT 20
MENTIONED LANE LETTER 15 MAY SEEMS LIKELY.

5. WOULD LIKE AUTUMN CHORT BY 1 SEPT LATEST FOR MAXIMUM
OVERLAP. WOULD EVEN ACCEPT AFTER 15 AUGUST IF CONVENIENT.
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